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Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Harlem Ambassador's visit proves a slam dunk

Derrick McMichael from the Harlem Ambassadors slam dunks the basketball while the D-M group and squadron commanders watch. The Ambassadors are a show basketball team, which helps bring humor to the game. For more information, see **Harlem Ambassadors take on D-M teams** Page 19.

Air Force releases demographics

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

People of all ethnicities and backgrounds form the United States Air Force; this diversity can serve as the Air Force's greatest strength or become its largest weakness.

To help supervisors and commanders better understand the makeup of their workforce the Air Force Personnel Center has released the latest demographic snapshot of the active-duty and civilian force.

"The Air Force Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force are committed to developing Airmen and civilians at all levels," said Barbara Dycus, 355th Wing Military Equal Opportunity director. "They expect the same of all Air Force supervisors and commanders."

Air Force leadership can use the Air Force demographic snapshot to achieve this goal.

"The report can provide indicators to supervisors and commanders of the total force," Ms. Dycus said.

The demographic snapshot provides information about the gender, ethnicity, education level, age and more regarding active-duty Airmen and civilian employees.

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Military Spouses Appreciation Day May 6 aims to say thanks

By Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

When individuals join the military they promise to defend the freedom of America. When those same individuals get married and start a family, their spouses stand on the sidelines waiting for them to come home.

They show their unwavering support daily, from watching their children, cleaning the house, lending a

supportive shoulder to cry on and more.

Retired Master Sgt. Timothy Jackson, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Safety Occupational Health Conformance Assessment Management Program manager and father of three; Andre, 9 years old, Maya, 4 years old and Isaiah, 1 year old, has lent his support many times throughout his marriage to Master Sgt. Michelle "Chach" Jackson, 355th Communications Squadron Network Control Center NCO in charge.

"Chach has not been on a lot of deployments since we've had three kids, but the timing of the deployments have been bad," Mr. Jackson said. "When Andre was six months old she received a short-notice deployment to Saudi, our first, and at the time I was active duty. It was really difficult at first because of my anxiety about my mission requirements and being alone with a six-month-old, but I had it easy because a mother separated from an infant is far more difficult than what I was going

through. As time passed she was afraid that she would miss his first words (she did) him crawling for the first time, (she did) and his first steps."

Since the first deployment, they have had others follow. Over time Mr. Jackson said he has learned how to help her through her deployments.

"One thing I did to help the situation was to send her lots of videos and pictures of the kids and of Maya's outfits to get Chach's approval and

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The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1246.5	672.6	2,449.2	162nd OSB	1,216.2	1,380.3	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1307.6	1241.6	2,350.8	354th FS	6,397.7	4,228.1	11,296.5
55th RQS	1584.1	1605.6	2,880.0	357th FS	5,000.0	5,044.5	8,966.0
79th RQS	986.1	921.3	1,451.0	358th FS	5,000.0	5,018.2	8,948.0

Swan Road Gate opens May 9

The Swan Road Gate construction will be complete soon and the gate will open for Davis-Monthan traffic May 9. The gate hours are as follows: Monday to Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed weekends and holidays.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

(From left to right) Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, speaks during a 355th Wing staff meeting regarding the importance of teamwork before awarding Tech. Sgt. Richard Aguirre, Senior Airman Trevin Ritter and Staff Sgt. Catherine Leopard, all of the 355th Operations Support Squadron, with coins for their outstanding performance while on the job.

Transferring Prescriptions

Concern: I just retired in the local area. Why can't I transfer my prescriptions to Davis-Monthan's pharmacy?

Response: Thank you for allowing me to explain this process.

Statute requires pharmacist-to-pharmacist communication before transferring a prescription.

The volume of transient winter visitors in the Tucson area would require, at a minimum, an

additional pharmacist to provide this service to all patients. Acquiring an additional pharmacist is near impossible in today's environment so we are limiting prescription transfers to active-duty servicemembers and their dependents making permanent change of station moves in and out of Davis-Monthan.

We are able to provide a fourteen-day complementary refill of maintenance prescriptions for those medications we have in stock. This allows our transient patients time to establish medical care in the area and get any new prescriptions they might need.

Speeding through neighborhoods

Concern: I live in base housing on one of the more "main" streets. Many people use my street to get to various places, but it is still a 15 mph zone. People speed by all of the time, from personally-owned vehicles and 355th Security Forces Squadron patrol cars to delivery trucks.

I am concerned that one of these days someone will get hurt. At my last base, they had speed bumps, and it helped people slow down through housing.

I was wondering if that was at all possible for at least the main streets here on Davis-Monthan (such as Albino Boulevard and Ironwood Street).

Response: Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to respond to your observation.

I too am concerned with the lack of integrity of those who speed through the housing area and put our children at risk. As such, our Security Forces has increased their patrols in housing and commercial areas around the base.

This effort, while nurturing a safer driving environment, has resulted in 454 moving violations in a six-month period from October 2004 to March 2005.

While this effort, in of itself, will not entirely eliminate this epidemic, it will reduce the volume of those who blow off the rules of the road. In the interim, I am addressing double points for speeding in housing and those areas with high volumes of pedestrians.

We have looked at all the traffic studies conducted at Davis-Monthan between 1969 and 1997 and found that placing speed bumps in this area is not recommended for a variety of safety reasons.

In addition to the increase in patrols, we are going to address the speed limit signage at the Craycroft Road Gate. The 355th SFS is dedicated to the active preservation of our installation and maintaining the required amount of protection for all of our resources.

All of us need to be active installation stewards, and we can do this by slowing down while driving on base, especially in the housing areas.

Accepting responsibly and considering the consequences of our actions is the first step toward a safer installation.

Agency numbers

AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904	Inspector General.....	228-3558
Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Clinic.....	228-2930	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Commissary.....	228-3116	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Family Support.....	228-5690	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Services.....	228-5596
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Transportation.....	228-3584
Housing Office.....	228-3687		

Team D-M Mission Spotlight



The 355th Operations Support Squadron supports 355th Wing combat missions tasked by the president, the secretary of defense and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

It directs operational support functions including airfield, air traffic control, weather services, weapons and tactics, plans and exercises and intelligence for an operations group with three A/OA-10 squadrons. It develops flying schedules for more than 15,000 sorties per year.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Barnes, 355th Operations Support Squadron, surveys the movement area at the Davis-Monthan air traffic control tower.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

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Lighting up

Aircraft lighter ban also applies to servicemembers

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Anyone — including servicemembers — carrying lighters will be required to surrender them at U.S. airport security checkpoints before boarding aircraft under a new federal law that became effective April 14, Transportation Security Administration officials said.

The new law also applies to military and civilian passengers on commercially chartered U.S. military overseas flights, said Army Lt. Col. Scott Ross, a spokesman with U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Because of al-Queda efforts to create improvised explosive devices, "prohibiting lighters on-board aircraft and in the sterile areas of airports will reduce current security vulnerabilities and add another layer of defense," a TSA document stated.

President Bush signed the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 on Dec. 17, 2004. The act mandates that butane lighters be added to the list of items prohibited from being carried aboard aircraft arriving or departing at U.S. commercial airports.

The new law applies to "anything that produces a flame," including Zippo brand and other lighters, said TSA spokesman Chris Jolma. However, aircraft passengers may still carry up to four books of matches.

The law also bans lighters from being placed in carry-on luggage or cargo baggage, according to the TSA.

"Wherever there's a TSA (security) checkpoint, we're responsible for enforcing the law," Mr. Jolma said. "Folks should definitely inspect their baggage before going to the airport, just to avoid the hassle."

Dec. 22, 2001, passengers aboard American Airlines Flight 63 en route from Paris to Miami stopped British citizen Richard Reid from lighting a fuse attached to an explosive hidden inside his sneakers.

The self-confessed al-Queda sympathizer was later convicted in a U.S. federal court for trying to blow up the plane. He is now serving a life sentence.

Mr. Jolma said the failed attempt to bring down Flight 63 alerted U.S. authorities of the need to tighten up airline security. And, he said, global terrorists continue to look for "innovative means" to bring down aircraft.

News Notes

355th Medical Group closure

The 355th Medical Group will close today at noon for an official 355th Wing function. All services to include lab, radiology and both main and satellite pharmacies will be closed. For non-emergency health issues, contact the on-call provider at 228-2778.

Power outages

There will be scheduled power outages Saturday and Sunday, affecting the following buildings: 5045, 5254, 5256, 5258, 5255, 5259, and 5247. Power will be down until approximately 5 p.m. Sunday. This outage is required to change out a transformer.

AETC briefing comes to D-M

The Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Assignment Team will host a Special Duty Assignment briefing for individuals interested in becoming a Recruiter, Military Training Instructor, Military Training Leader, Technical Training Instructor or Professional Military Education Instructor May 19 in the First Term Airman's Center, Building 4101 at 8:30 a.m.

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring the completed application with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, contact the Wing Career Advisor, Senior Master Sgt. Crystle Flowers, at 228-0141.

Appearances, speeches

Military and civilian personnel are authorized and encouraged to speak to audiences unfamiliar with the Air Force. For more information on the Base Speakers Bureau, contact the 355th Wing Public Affairs office at 228-5091.

Legal office summer hours

The following summer hours for legal assistance will go into effect Monday:

Walk-ins are Monday from 1 to 4 p.m., appointments are Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. and will signings by appointment are Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. Services for Notaries, Powers-of-Attorney and In Lieu tax forms are daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The legal office will assist deploying service members anytime. Military members in uniform have priority the first hour of each session. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 228-5242.

Terrorism history

April 29, 1992, Captain Valentine Strasser overthrew president Joseph Momoh in a military coup that drove Momoh into exile. The proximate cause of the coup was the poor treatment of the military involved in a difficult battle against the Revolutionary United Front.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Troy Hawkes

Airman receives \$10,000 through IDEA program

Col. Michael Spencer (left), 355th Wing commander, presents Master Sgt. Benjamin Rogers, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, a \$10,000 check Tuesday. Sergeant Rogers has won three \$10,000 checks through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program.

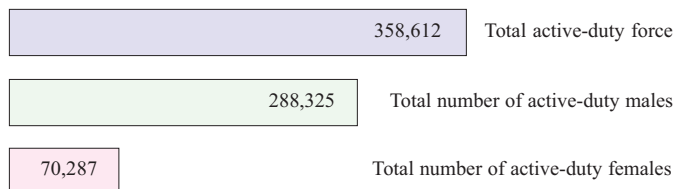
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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. This is current as of April 25.

Call AADD at
850-2233

Fridays and Saturdays from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. AADD volunteers provide rides.

Gender break down of the Air Force



Demographics

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This information can be beneficial because understanding demographics and diversity can enhance morale, camaraderie and unit cohesion, which contributes to a positive work environment, said Staff Sgt. Gregory Jarvis, 355th Wing MEO office technician.

Gaining an insight to the background of the people who form the Air Force can achieve many things.

Diversity provides a dynamic opportunity to bring individual's cultures, backgrounds and creativity together in a way that can only enhance the Air Force, Ms. Dycus said. "The Air Force's diversity also serves as an example to the civilian sector with individuals working together in support of one mission."

In addition, learning about other people's backgrounds and getting to know them on a personal level can help eliminate some of the negative stereotypes people have, Sergeant Jarvis said. "By eliminating stereotypes we can make the Air Force a

stronger force. Can you imagine how the Air Force would appear if everyone looked the same? Having people from different races, ethnicities, gender and religions brings great strength to our Air Force. I am proud to serve side by side with anyone no matter where they come from, or what their demographic makeup may be."

Because not everyone shares Ms. Dycus's and Sergeant Jarvis' points of view, the MEO office offers assistance to units and squadrons having difficulty dealing with diversity in their work place.

The MEO office teaches First Duty Station Orientation that provides Airmen and civilian employees a basic overview about diversity and includes discussion on roles and responsibilities to create a positive human relations climate, Sergeant Jarvis said. "We also offer one-on-one awareness training upon request."

For more information about services provided by the MEO office, call 228-5509.

To view the complete copy of the latest Air Force demographic snapshot, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/demographics.



Courtesy photo

D-M welcomes new command chief

Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Talley previously was assigned as the command chief master sergeant for the 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Korea. Chief Talley will become the 355th Wing command chief today. During Chief Talley's career, he has earned various awards and decorations to include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four devices, Air Force Commendation Medal with three devices and the Air Force Achievement Medal with two devices. Chief Talley was promoted to the rank of chief master sergeant in 1999, 21 years after he entered active duty.

Appreciation

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to get her involved in her daughter's life," Mr. Jackson said. "We also made a lot of audio tapes and I wrote long, long letters explaining my feelings, what I was going through and how things would be when she returned."

While spouses stay at home and encourage those overseas to stay strong, some may also seek help from others through programs offered on base.

Tracy Canter, 355th Medical Operations Squadron Family Advocacy Program assistant and mother of two, Averi, 10 years old and Rhegan 13, years old, has had her own share of deployments throughout her marriage to Master Sgt. Steve Canter, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron first sergeant.

"I know that the Family Support (Center) offers a lot of programs for spouses, such as Heart Link and Hearts Apart," Mrs. Canter said. "The Chaplains talk to the spouses and offer support through several events. I'm not sure about other squad-

rons, but my husband's squadron had a gathering before my husband deployed and then had activities for all the deployed spouses while he has been gone, such as bowling and pizza. There are also programs that help the spouses whether their spouse is deployed or not, including the youth center (through programs for the kids) Family Advocacy (marriage counseling, anger management, New Parent Support Program), the chapel (through marriage seminars, women's Bible study) and Community Center. I actually just took my two girls to the banner-making party that the Family Support (Center) offered to deployed spouses. The girls really enjoyed that and it allowed all three of us to recognize the fact that my husband will be coming home soon. Doing something for his homecoming made it more real. I also took part in some of the Hearts Apart activities."

Mrs. Canter has remained optimistic even through her husband's deployments and time in service.

"I believe that military spouses, although they have a hard job, have so many more opportunities than other spouses," Mrs. Canter said. "They get to see different parts of the world, they have such a strong bond with their spouse due to all of the ex-

tra things that they endure together and they meet people they wouldn't meet if they stayed in their home town. I think we have a very important and special role and we have spouses that we can be proud of because they are sacrificing for their country."

Mr. Jackson agrees and offers advice to spouses of servicemembers.

"Always support your spouse, and try not to be selfish," Mr. Jackson said. "A lot of times our spouses volunteer for deployments because they are dedicated to their jobs. If your spouse knows that you support them in what they do, then it makes their deployment easier for them to handle. It's hard enough to be away from your family, and even harder when you volunteer."

For more information on programs offered throughout the year, contact the Family Support Center at 228-5690, Family Advocacy at 228-2104 or the Chapel at 228-5411.

"One of the hardest things I find for spouses of deployed members is isolation," Mrs. Canter said. "These programs attempt to get the spouses and children out of the home, and they allow them to meet other people in similar situations."

Asian Pacific American Heritage Association

Group invites Davis-Monthan community to experience their culture firsthand

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

A luau, lei-making crafts demonstration, car show and free food tasting are a few of the events the Davis-Monthan Asian Pacific American Heritage Association have planned for the base community in honor of May's National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

"This year's theme is 'Liberty and freedom for all,'" said Staff Sgt. Lanay Dee, public affairs representative for the APAHA. "In honor of the month, we have planned a wide variety of events to bring awareness to this culture."

May 7, the association will offer free food tasting and sporting events from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"This event, which will kick off the month, is primarily for dorm residents," Sergeant Lanay Dee said. For the event, volunteers will provide food like Hawaiian-style pork-on-a-stick, rice, Hawaiian punch and fruit.

In addition to the food, attendees can participate in volleyball, billiards and card games.

"Airmen who are interested in attending the event don't need to make reservations but can simply show up," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Dee, 355th Medical Support Squadron NCO in charge of microbiology and home land defense laboratory. "The event will be at Building 3500."

Another APAHA event that welcomes the entire D-M community is the luau.

"This year's luau will be May 20 and will feature a wider variety of entertainment than last year," Sergeant Lanay Dee said.

The luau will be at Bama Park from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and include food and entertainment.

"Our goal was to provide a more authentic meal this year so we are having a caterer come down from Phoenix," Sergeant Lanay Dee said. "The food will include Kailua pork, teriyaki chicken, salad and rice. We have also expanded the entertainment portion. In addition to the Hawaiian dancing we will have Thai and Filipino dancers."

The event will also include a Chinese Lion Dance, Dang Soo Do Martial Arts demonstration, Tahitian dancers, an Elvis impersonator performing 'Blue Hawaii' and more.

"Attendees are encouraged to wear Hawaiian-style clothes in order to take full advantage of the event and to really participate," Sergeant Lanay Dee said. "We only have 400 tickets so people who are interested in attending should get them soon."

According to the 355th Services Squadron, wine and beer will also be available during the event for those 21 years and older for \$2 a glass.

May 25, volunteers plan to visit the children at the Dorothy Finley Child Development Centers to teach them about Hawaiian culture and how to make leis.

"This event is a lot of fun for us," said Marie Hanna, 355th Mission Support Squadron education services officer. "It is a chance to do a little arts and crafts activity with the children. We provide the materials including some silk flowers and teach them how to put a lei together. The kids always seem to have a lot of fun and enjoy the fact that they get to keep their product."

The APAHA is also currently in the planning stages regarding hosting a car show May 28, said Sergeant Mark Dee. This event will include a car show, car wash and free food tasting. The car show will feature the latest in automotive technology in the Pacific and Asia.

There will be a jumping castle for the younger children to keep them occupied, Sergeant Lanay Dee said, as well as authentic food for people to sample.

For more information regarding any of the APAHA's events, or to get tickets to the luau, contact Sergeant Lanay Dee at 401-5609, Sergeant Mark Dee at 228-2680 or Staff Sgt. Wendell Robinson, 612th Air Communications Squadron, at 228-4085.

CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled from the period of April 1 through 14.

Civil arrest military member

The Tucson Police Department contacted the Security Forces Control Center and reported an Airman had been arrested for domestic violence, criminal damage and disorderly conduct.

Driving on a suspended license and unauthorized entry

An Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center employee telephoned the SFCC and reported a contractor who may have been operating a vehicle within the installation without a license. Security forces located and stopped the contractor. Investigation revealed the contractor had a suspended license. The subject was detained and released to his contract supervisor.

Patrol response: civilian driving under the influence

The security forces police unit notified the SFCC of a suspicious vehicle parked adjacent to Golf Links and Craycroft Roads. The vehicle was inside the base property line. Security forces conducted a challenge of the vehicle occupant with no response. Security forces approached the vehicle and discovered an unconscious individual within the

vehicle. The subject had a strong odor of alcohol. The TPD was contacted and conducted a breath analysis of the subject with a result of .173. The subject proved to have no military affiliation; he was arrested and transported to Pima County Jail.

Patrol response: domestic assault

A staff sergeant reported two individuals were involved in a physical altercation at Heritage Park. A security forces investigation revealed a dependent spouse and daughter of a technical sergeant were involved in an altercation. No injuries were evident and neither party requested medical attention. The TPD was contacted and issued a case number. A domestic assault case number was not assigned.

Patrol response: fraud

A colonel telephoned the SFCC and reported he suspected a dependent spouse of a technical sergeant was attempting to fraudulently fill a prescription. Security forces responded and detained the spouse. Investigation revealed the spouse had altered the prescription to increase the amount of medication prescribed. Further investigation revealed she had earlier attempted to utilize the altered prescription form at an off-base pharmacy. The TPD was notified by the off-base pharmacy and was attempting to locate her. The TPD arrived

at the SFCC and security forces released the dependent spouse to them for processing.

Patrol response: weapons confiscation

An employee from the 355th Services Squadron telephoned the SFCC and reported finding weapons within a billeting room. Security forces investigation revealed a staff sergeant who was on a temporary duty assignment had left his weapons within the billeting room. Security forces confiscated two 9mm handguns and two .40-caliber handguns. Storing weapons within a dormitory room and billeting is in violation of base policy. They must be stored at the Security Forces Armory.

Shoplifting

An Army Air Force Exchange Service detective reported to the SFCC they had detained a dependent of a staff sergeant for shoplifting. Security forces investigation revealed the dependent had removed trading cards from the Home and Garden Center without rendering payment. The dependent was issued a revocation of AAFES privileges letter. The TPD arrested the dependent and released them to their sponsor.

Theft of government property: unsecured

An airman first class reported a theft of chemical training gear from his vehicle while parked at Building 3610.

Military distributes supplies to Iraqi school

Airmen risk lives so children have chance to learn new skills

By Senior Airman Colleen Wronek
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — Balad Airmen traveled into potentially hostile territory last week to distribute donated school supplies at a nearby village's elementary school.

"The children really needed the supplies. That's why we went out there," said Chaplain (Capt.) Duane McCrory, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing. "We are making a difference in their lives and hopefully we're winning their hearts and minds too."

Last year, Air Force civil engineers built the school the Airmen visited.

"The Army and the Air Force have built some schools in the area as a way to reach out to the local community," Chaplain McCrory said. "The villagers are destitute so you can really tell the difference between the schools we built and the ones that have been there awhile. Since they don't have the money to build or renovate the old schools themselves, we really show them we care by doing something that will help their children."

Lt. Col. Andrew Tracey, 332nd AEW safety chief, went on the humanitarian mission. He said the village was small and looked poor.

"The school was painted white with pink trim and it had an office and seven or eight classrooms," he said. "The school design was simple. The classroom had a chalkboard and desks. They also had a courtyard, but as far as I could tell, they had nothing in the courtyard."

Chaplain McCrory spent several weeks coordinating with Maj. Gregory Reese, 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander, and Capt. Maria Roberts, 732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Det. 2632 commander, to set up the humanitarian mission.

"During the last rotation, an e-mail requesting school supplies was sent out," said Chaplain McCrory whose home station is Davis-Monthan. "People from home would send school supplies to help the children. In addition to the supplies received on the Air Force side, the Army Combat Support Command G5 Civil Affairs unit collected and helped provide supplies."

The Airmen attempted to hand out one packed bag of school supplies to each child. The bags contained pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, scissors, crayons, markers and erasers. They also handed out stuffed animals, soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs and jerseys.

"When I was in the classroom, it was interesting to watch the interaction between the teachers and the students. It was like organized chaos," said Colonel Tracey, whose home station is Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. "The kids sat down and moved back, but they never really got quiet when the teacher directed them to. As soon as the teacher



Courtesy photo

Chaplain (Capt.) Duane McCrory, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, talks to children as he hands out donated school supplies during a recent humanitarian mission to a nearby Iraqi elementary school. Airmen handed out pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, scissors, crayons, markers, erasers, stuffed animals, soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs and jerseys.

turned his attention to me or someone else, the kids were out of their seats and trying to get more stuff."

The children were overjoyed to see the Airmen visit the schools.

"I carried the first box of supplies into the school and it felt great," Colonel Tracey said. "The kids were still in the classrooms, but the buzz of excitement radiating from the classrooms was infectious. It didn't matter that I don't understand their language. The tones of their voices and the increased volume told me they were excited to see us and curious as to what we were taking into the school."

Colonel Tracey said the halls were empty at first, but children were crowding the classroom doors to see what was going on.

"As we carried more and more boxes and bags into the school the buzz of the kids grew louder," he said. "Finally the kids spilled into the hallway and villagers also came into the school. It became a bit of a madhouse. The teachers tried to keep some order and I saw them use their wooden sticks. After distributing a good amount of the supplies to the kids, the remainder was left in the headmaster's office for distribution at a later, more peaceful time."

Despite the children being everywhere, they were still respectful to the Airmen.

"There were kids everywhere and they were excited to see the visitors, especially the ones bringing in boxes," Colonel Tracey said. "They weren't shy, but curious and respectful of my 'space.' They weren't afraid to ask for anything. They didn't grab at me or grab for things until I made a move to hand them something."

Colonel Tracey said he only visited one classroom and the headmaster's office before being "ambushed" by children.

"I didn't have to go into another classroom to see more kids because they swarmed into the hallway," he said. "I also saw a lot of kids outside the school who weren't attending class."

Colonel Tracey said the children seemed normal, like they could be from anywhere and they never seem to get enough.

"I'd hand something to the kids and before you knew it, they were back asking for more," he said. "I'd point to the item hanging out of their pocket and they'd back away, hide the item deeper in their pocket or at their desk and return asking for more."

Colonel Tracey said he would like to go off base again.

"It was exciting, due to the element of danger and the fact I was out on an adventure doing something new," he said. "We were constantly scanning the area around us, looking for things that didn't seem right and at the same time I felt comfortable because our escorts were well-trained and focused on their responsibilities."

The security and transportation for this mission was provided by the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group. Colonel Tracey said he felt safe venturing into potentially hostile territory.

"They are a fine group of Airmen who impressed me with their professionalism, knowledge and enthusiasm for their duties," he said. "I felt very comfortable going outside the wire under their care."

Got shots?

Frequent deployments require emphasis on vaccinations

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Frequent, short-notice deployments worldwide demand the military step up its emphasis on keeping the force vaccinated for contingencies it may face, said the Defense Department's deputy director for the Military Vaccine Agency.

The expeditionary nature of the force requires that DoD officials plan ahead to provide servicemembers the best possible protection against disease and illness when they deploy, said Army Col. John Grabenstein.

"Vaccinations have always been about planning ahead," he said. "We try to anticipate what is going to happen at the other end of that plane flight to the deployment area."

As a result, DoD officials are conducting more surveillance about infections and diseases that servicemembers need to be protected against, Federal Drug Administration-approved vaccines to counter them, and Centers for Disease Control guidelines for administering these vaccines.

Defense officials are also making a greater effort to ensure servicemembers' shot records are up to date. This way, when a short-notice deployment occurs, the affected troops need only those shots

specific to their deployment area, not "a big, long laundry list of vaccines," Colonel Grabenstein said.

This effort includes more screening of reservists and guardsmen, checking their immunizations records each fall when they receive their flu shots to ensure they are current. Reserve-component troops generally require more shots than their active-component counterparts when preparing for deployments, Colonel Grabenstein said.

When entering the military, all servicemembers receive a basic list of immunizations: meningococcal disease; tetanus and diphtheria; measles, mumps and rubella; and poliovirus. Other vaccines are frequently prescribed for travel to specific international locations or for certain occupations, Colonel Grabenstein said.

Other vaccines protect against bioweapons such as anthrax and smallpox. DoD officials put the anthrax vaccination program on hold in 2004 pending legal challenges, but supports findings the vaccine is safe and effective.

Mandatory immunizations for servicemembers protect the fighting force and keep it fighting, much as body armor does, Colonel Grabenstein said.

Since the first vaccine, against smallpox, was introduced in the late 1700s, no other medical technology has surpassed immunization in pro-



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Staff Sgt. Brittany Ross, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, prepares a vaccine for administration.

tecting people against diseases, he said. "It's the biggest success story in all of medicine."

Wear a helmet, save a life

Capt. Frank Scolaro
354th Fighter Squadron

The weather is getting warmer, which means there will be more motorcyclists on the road. I am not a motorcyclist but I have a motorcycle safety story to pass on to both cyclists and automobile drivers.

I was on my way home from Anchorage, Alaska to Fairbanks, Alaska during the summer of 2003. Driving on the Richardson Highway is always busy during the summer and it is only two lanes. I was pulling back onto the highway traveling northbound and ended up behind three motorcyclists also traveling northbound. In front of them were two pickup trucks. On the Richardson Highway, there are numerous turnouts, or rest areas, to park and enjoy the scenery or stop and have a break.

I had been following the motorcycles and the trucks for some time and initially my following distance was less than what is recommended, so I backed off some. Without any warning, the lead truck decided to try to make a turnout on the southbound lane. His brake lights came on with a sudden slowing, which was followed by a pretty aggressive turn to the left. This caused the truck behind him to also slow rapidly and swerve to the right to avoid the lead truck.

So we had a truck swerving left to try to make the turnout on the southbound side and another

swerving right trying not to hit the lead truck. Needless to say the motorcyclists did not have much time to react. The lead motorcyclist locked his brakes in an attempt to stop before hitting the lead truck. He ended up laying his bike down and slammed into the rear end of the lead truck. The second motorcyclist, who was slightly behind and to the right of the first, did pretty much the same thing except the bike hit the second truck and he slid, tumbling and rolling, in between the two trucks. Luckily the third motorcyclist was far enough behind where he did not have to lay his bike down, coming to a complete stop within about 20 feet of the trucks.

I pulled over and ran to the scene. My first reaction was to check to see if anyone was hurt. The first person I came to was the lead motorcyclist. The second, complaining of hip and arm pain, was at least conscious and alert. I rushed back to the first guy to find a weak pulse and shallow breathing. I rolled him over and that is when I realized his scalp had been peeled back from the accident. I folded the skin back on his head and applied pressure to slow the bleeding.

Unfortunately in Alaska there is not cell phone coverage everywhere and we were in an area of the state without it. I told some passers-by to continue down the road and call for help; the lead motorcyclist was going to need it.

The driver of the second truck was now helping the second motorcyclist. I did not take

long before my guy stopped breathing. I had never given cardiopulmonary resuscitation to anyone before but thanks to the Air Force, I am trained.

Luckily a nurse from a hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska found us. We started CPR and continued for the next 20 minutes or so until a doctor, from out of state and on vacation, came over. He checked the motorcyclist and told us he was dead and to stop giving CPR. It took emergency vehicles an hour to get to the scene.

The point this story is threefold. First, motorcyclists need to wear protective gear when riding, which may include leather during the hot summer months in Arizona.

No matter what, always include a helmet. I think a helmet would have saved this guy's life. Second, for people who drive cars, we also need to be aware of our surroundings. If the driver of the first truck had known a truck and three motorcyclists were following too closely, he could have avoided the sudden move that caused the accident. Finally, when you're going through the motions of a self-aid buddy care refresher, pay attention because you may be the only person around to save someone's life.

There was nothing anyone could have done because Dwayne, the lead motorcyclist, had massive brain trauma. His birthday was the same day as mine, 10 years earlier.

Please slow down and enjoy the weather.

Community food bank volunteers needed

The Community Food Bank in Tucson is currently looking for volunteers to help with their National Letter Carrier Food Drive. Volunteers can help with the event in two ways. On the actual day of the event, May 14, volunteers will be needed to work at several post offices around Tucson to sort and collect food donations that letter carriers bring back throughout the day. Groups of volunteers are also needed May 16 through 20 to help sort food after the end of the food drive. Volunteers

interested in helping in this capacity should plan to work any three-hour shift from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Post offices still in need of volunteers include Rincon, 1099 S. Pantano Rd. and Midtown, 5401 E. 5th St. near Craycroft Road. Volunteers must be 16 years or older and should dress according to the weather as all work will be done outside. Anyone interested in more information or volunteering should contact Kristen at (520) 622-0525 extension 204 or e-mail khershberger@communityfoodbank.com.

Final Answer

What do you appreciate most about your spouse and why?



**Tech. Sgt.
Boyce McPherson**
355th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

"I admire that she has put up with me for 13 years. It's the same as being active duty. They might as well wear the uniform."



**Maj.
Jessica Rhyme**
195th Fighter
Squadron

"He does the same job I do, so he understands what I go through on a day-to-day basis. He doesn't take me for granted."



**Tech. Sgt.
Sylvia Sweet**
162th Fighter
Wing

"I appreciate the fact that he's a good worker—he's dedicated to his family and his job; it's really nice."



**Maj.
James Chappelle**
563rd Operations
Support Squadron

"I appreciate that despite all the deployments and moves, she is always there."



**Tech. Sgt.
Ike Lewis**
12th Air Force

"I appreciate her hardwork, kindness and willingness to tackle all of life's hardships."



**Capt.
Tony Verenna**
U. S. Army Headquar-
ters and Support
Company, 204th
Military Intelligence
Battalion, Fort Bliss, Tx.

"Everything, but mostly she's a great mom."

(Editors note: Next week's Final Answer question is: **"What facility on base do you use most often and why?"** If you would like to submit an answer for an upcoming edition of the Final Answer column, contact the Desert Airman staff at desert.airman@dm.af.mil.

D-M Airmen pass BOT board

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

Two Airmen from Davis-Monthan recently proved they exhibit 'excellence in all they do' when they were selected for Basic Officer Training school.

Staff Sgt. Luke Fichtner Electro/Environmental A-10 craftsman, and Staff Sgt. Carri Kirk, both of the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, were recently selected by the Basic Officer Training 05OT04 Board.

The recent selection for BOT was the right one for Sergeant Fichtner.

"I wanted to try for BOT because I wanted to integrate what the military has taught me the last six years and incorporate it with what I learned in college at Embry-Riddle (Aeronautical University)," Sergeant Fichtner said.

For Sergeant Fichtner, the selection means many years of hard work have paid off.

"My selection really means a

lot to me on so many levels," Sergeant Fichtner said. "I have been working hard for eight years for this goal and always strived for it. I have sacrificed a lot to get to this point but so have a lot of others. I really am grateful for the support that others have provided for me during this process."

Though the selection was recent, Sergeant Fichtner has already given his new career some thought.

"As an officer my main objective is to lead," Sergeant Fichtner said. "Also I feel as though I will be able to make a greater impression upon a larger group of Airmen."

Sergeant Fichtner has advice for enlisted Airmen who want to become officers.

"The advice that I would like to give other Airmen is to always work to improve yourself," Sergeant Fichtner said. "It took me eight years to complete my degree because of work conflicts."

D-M Mentorship Memos

Opportunities help fulfill 'service' in Air Force core values

Voices: Community Stories Past and Present

Voices: Community Stories Past and Present will be hosting an event at Desert View High School commemorating a book that was recently published by the organization, "They Opened Their Hearts: Tucson Elders Tell World War II Stories to Tucson Youth."

The book is about an on-going project the organization has been running at a Tucson middle school.

The event begins May 7 at 2 p.m., and many volunteers are needed to help with several different positions.

Volunteers are needed May 7 to help ring up purchases, hand out tickets, direct traffic, set-up before the event and break down after the event.

Additionally, volunteers will also be needed May 5 and 6 to help prepare for the event May 7.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time to help with any part of this event should contact Celeste

at 622-7458 or send an e-mail to celeste@voicesinc.org.

Sign Language Association

The University of Arizona Sign Language Association is planning a trip to Los Mochis, Mexico May 14 to visit and assist the School of the Deaf.

The SLA is currently looking for volunteers to help them raise money through selling baked goods or by manning booths to sell baked goods. All funds go to improving the quality of life and education for the students at the School of the Deaf.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Carmen at chaber@cox.com.

Airman's Attic

Airman's Attic is currently looking for volunteers to sort donations as well as assist customers. Anyone interested should call 228-4098.

For more information regarding volunteer opportunities on D-M, call 228-5690.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Airman 1st Class Leiah Clement of the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Airman Clement is an Avionics system specialist. According to her first sergeant, Master Sgt. Kevin Herre, she was nominated for the spotlight because she, "goes above and beyond her peers."

The following are Airman Clement's responses to a variety of questions.

Where is your home town? Sarasota, Florida

Why did you join the Air Force? To help. I was living in Puerto Rico surfing every day and had a dream job working on a sailboat; I was out of reality in a way. One day before work, I was reading the newspaper about the war on terrorism — a lot of my friends were stationed over there at the time. I thought I would never make a difference or help by surfing. So I moved back to Florida and a month later I was in basic training.

What are your main job responsibilities: To repair and troubleshoot weapons release, attack control, and navigation systems on the A-10.

What are the best aspects of the job? I

get to work outside and I get to see the effects of our work right away.

What has been your best assignment and why: Technical school at Keesler Air Force Base in Gulfport, Miss. because the ocean was only 10 minutes away.

Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire): My grandmother because she is a survivor. She came over to the U.S. with nothing and after my grandfather passed away she raised five children by herself. She has beat cancer three times and still swims everyday. She has lived through the Depression and a world war and still has the best attitude and loves life — and she is the best cook.

Your most memorable moment in the Air Force? Getting off the bus at basic is my most memorable moment.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? The best advice was from my (Military Training Instructor); always do your best and don't neglect the little things, like shining your boots.

What are your favorite hobbies and outside activities: My favorite outdoor



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

activities are surfing although there is no ocean in Arizona, California and Mexico are not that far away. I also enjoy swimming and volleyball.

If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force? I would tell them it is not for everyone, but if you can follow the rules it is a great place to meet new people and get a good education.

D-M community finds food, fun at Bama Park

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan was abuzz with activity over the weekend as members of the base community headed to Bama Park April 22 and Saturday to participate in a variety of events.

April 22, the Underage Drinking Task Force and the 357th Fighter Squadron hosted a drive-in style movie night. Airmen looking for an alternative to drinking gathered for an evening of food, which was donated to the UDTF by Dorothy Finley, and a chance to see the movies "We Were Soldiers" and "Dodgeball" on a big screen.

Attendees sat on chairs, sleeping bags and blankets to watch the shows under the stars.

Saturday, the 355th Services Squadron hosted two events; Day in

the Park and the second annual Spring Fling Crafts Fair.

"For Day in the Park, parents had the chance to spend time with their children making crafts, playing games and enjoying a barbecue," said Gabriele Church, 355th SVS visual information clerk.

The event also featured a visit from McGruff the crime dog as well as Family Support Center information.

"The Spring Fling was a great event," Ms. Church said. "Craft vendors were on hand to display their items. In addition, individuals participated in a Salsa Cook-Off competition."

Upcoming events scheduled for the D-M community include the opening of the Outdoor Recreational Pool Saturday and a paintball event hosted by the UDTF May 14. More information regarding either event is available on Page 20.



Photo by Gabriele Church

(Above) Aaron Ozark, son of Tech. Sgt. John Ozark, 355th Security Forces Squadron, learns how to plant a potted flower at Bama Park Saturday.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

(Left) Capt. Britt Warren, 357th Fighter Squadron, serves (left) Airman 1st Class Jermaine Johnson, 612th Air Communications Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Edward Martinez, 355th Communications Squadron, during the Underage Drinking Task Force's drive-in style movie event.



Photo by Gabriele Church

Madison and Asher Guinzy, children of Elaine Guinzy, 355th Services Squadron, watch as Ronald McDonald performs a variety of magic tricks.



Photo by Gabriele Church

(Above) Retired Army 1st Sgt. Keith Krueger prepares his favorite salsa recipe at Bama Park for the Salsa Cook-Off competition. Mr. Krueger's submission was selected as the winner in the 'Best on D-M' category.



Photo by Gabriele Church

Tyler Sherman, son of Staff Sgt. Scott Sherman, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, colors with his mom, Jody Sherman, during Day in the Park.

A look at planes from '50s, '60s

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

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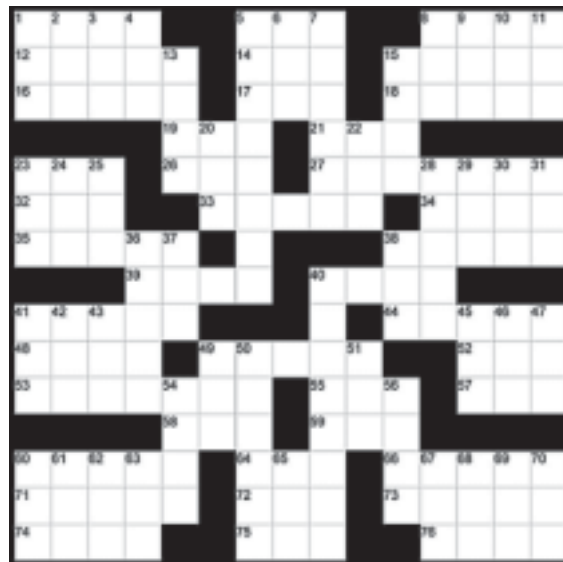
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60. F-105 Thunder ___
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11. Attempt
13. Authentic
15. Tex-Mex dinner item
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23. ___ Vegas; home to Nellis AFB
24. Kwik-E-Mart owner on *The Simpsons*
25. Political party for 69
28. F-102 ___ Dagger
29. Mining goal
30. Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof
31. Place
36. Chafe
37. Dog star ___ Tin Tin
38. Feline
40. C-130
41. Sault ___ Marie
42. Appendage
43. Chop off
45. Track segment
46. Lyrical poem
47. Quick rest
49. Commander's region of control, in brief
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(Solutions for this puzzle are located on Page 25.)

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

'Lade Majic,' lead show player and head coach of the Harlem Ambassadors, demonstrates a unique foul by pinning Lt. Col. David Carrell, 355th Mission Support Group, in a wrestling move during the Harlem Ambassador's game at D-M.

Harlem Ambassadors take on D-M teams

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

The Professional Show Basketball Team, the Harlem Ambassadors, paid the Davis-Monthan community a visit Saturday and took on some of the base's own personnel on the court.

During Saturday's event, the Ambassadors played one quarter each against four different teams comprised of D-M personnel.

According to staff at the sports and fitness center, the four teams included one made up of group and squadron commanders, the winners of the over-30 intramural basketball championship, the winners of the under-30 intramural basketball championship and Davis-Monthan's varsity basketball team.

"These games are not rigged and the outcome is not predetermined," said Brian Anthis, 355th Services Squadron marketing department illustrator.

The event showcased basketball talent and focused on improvisational humor as well.

"It was a great time," said Lt. Col. David Carrell, 355th Mission Support Group deputy commander who played against the Harlem Ambassadors on the group and squadron commander team. "They were world-class entertainers and could perform some amazing basketball aerial, passing and ball handling maneuvers."

According to Colonel Carrell, the first play of the game set the tone for the rest of the evening.

"The event started out with the group and squadron commanders

taking to the court against the Harlem Ambassadors," Colonel Carrell said. "Col. Michael Isherwood, (355th Wing vice commander) started the game with a demonstration of his great leaping ability at the jump ball. The D-M team's first shot was also made by Colonel Isherwood, who unfortunately caught nothing but air. His effort was duly noted by the Harlem Ambassadors Team Captain, 'Lade Majic,' who then made him do five push-ups at half court."

Having Colonel Isherwood do push-ups was a sign of things to come.

"Later in the game, I was flagrantly fouled when 'Lade Majic' and her henchman practiced some of their (wrestling) moves on me," Colonel Carrell said. "I went to the free throw line and was once again harassed while trying to make some free throws."

While each team that competed against the Harlem Ambassadors performed to the best of their ability, the event was about more than basketball.

"The best part of the experience was watching the Harlem Ambassadors work the crowd and get the kids and adults involved in the action," Colonel Carrell said. "It was a first-class, fun event."



Claudell Mims, Jr., from the Harlem Ambassadors Professional Show Basketball Team, demonstrates his high-flying dunking ability at the Sports and Fitness Center.



(Above) Lt. Col. David Carrell, 355th Mission Support Group, attempts several free throw shots while being heckled by the Harlem Ambassadors.

(Left) 'Lade Majic,' Harlem Ambassador lead show player and head coach, counts as Col. Michael Isherwood, 355th Wing vice commander, performs push-ups for shooting an airball.

Sports Shorts

UDTF Paintball event

The 355th Medical Group will sponsor the next event for the Underage Drinking Task Force: a Paintball Tournament May 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Paintball field. The event is free for the first 20 underage Airmen to sign up. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. The prize will be a free paintball gun rental and range fee. Those who are interested can contact Master Sgt. James Green at 228-2903 or Tech. Sgt. Betsi Keltz or Tech. Mark Dee at 228-2680.

Pool opens Saturday

The Outdoor Recreational Pool is set to open Saturday with the summer season lasting until Aug. 14. Hours of operation during the summer season for recreational swim and open swim are Monday from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult and family swim are Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. The

hours for lap-swim time are Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. Daily fees are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children over the age of 2 years and \$3 for Davis-Monthan guests. There is no fee for children under 2 years or for lap swim. A season pool pass is good from April 30 until Sept. 30. The cost is \$35 for one person, \$50 for two people, \$65 for three people, \$75 for four people and \$85 for five people. The D-M community can also make reservations to host pool parties from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights. Pool Party fees will be \$1.50 per person with a minimum non-refundable \$80 charge. Reservations and payment must be made in person, a minimum of two weeks in advance. For more information, call 228-0015 or 228-3736.

Spring Golf Scramble

The D-M 1st Sergeants Council will sponsor the 7th Annual Spring Golf Scramble May 13 at Blanchard Golf Course. The event will have an 8 a.m. shotgun start with a four-person scramble from the white tees. The cost of \$35 per person includes green fees, a cart and

drinks. Mulligans are two for \$5. Players can win a car for a hole-in-one on hole number 15 as well as prizes for closest-to-the-pin and for longest drive. To sign up, contact Master Sgt. Steve Flatt at 228-3283 or steven.flatt@dm.af.mil.

Cochise Stronghold hike

Cochise Stronghold is located in Arizona's Dragoon Mountains. This six-mile hike through woodland areas is May 28. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and a guide. Those interested should sign up by May 26. For more information, call 228-3736.

Charity golf tournament

There is a charity golf tournament June 3 at D-M's Blanchard Golf Course. All proceeds will be given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southern Arizona. The tournament will feature a four-person scramble from the white tees and will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost of \$30 per person includes cart and green fees. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Brandon Hess at 228-0684 or at brandon.hess@dm.af.mil or Master Sgt. Danny Porterfield at

228-2311 or at robert.porterfield@dm.af.mil.

Intramurals

The following softball intramural scores are current as of Monday

Monday/Wednesday

Team	W-L-T
SFS	2 0 0
12 AF 1	2 0 0
MDG	2 0 0
EMS	2 0 0
25 OWS	1 1 0
CES	1 1 0
AMARC	1 1 0
LRS	1 1 0
CS	1 1 0
563 RQS	1 1 0
ARMY	0 2 0
355 OSS	0 2 0
CONS	0 2 0
CMS 2	0 2 0

Tuesday/Thursday

Team	W-L-T
DECA	2 0 0
755 AMXS	2 0 0
CMS 1	1 0 0
355 AMXS	1 0 0
Chiefs	1 1 0
12 AF 2	1 1 0
755 OSS	0 1 0
563 MXS	0 1 0
WOMEN'S	0 2 0
CPTS	0 2 0

Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is also at 11:15 a.m. but at Desert Dove Chapel.

Free marriage seminar

Join Col. Wayne Scott, 612th Air Communications Squadron, and his wife, Cindy, as they present a marriage workshop full of practical lessons and tools to strengthen relationships. This free biblically-based seminar is open to all couples: married, engaged and those seriously dating. The seminar includes workbook lessons, refreshments and free children's ministries. The seminar is today from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. To reserve a space, call 228-5411.

National Day of Prayer

In honor of the Thursday's National Day of Prayer, there will be a Be Bold Kids Rally Sunday at Palo Verde Christian School from 4 to 5 p.m. In addition, there will be a Freedom Youth Rally at Reid Park Band Shell including intense worship and prayer from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday there is an All Tucson Prayer Rally at the Reid Park Band Shell including special guests, speakers, worship leaders, soloists and worship from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 228-5411.

Education Services

Spouses to teachers

The goal of the Spouses to Teachers Program is to help military spouses already working as teachers to get certified in a different state. The program, now being tested in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia, offers several forms of assistance and financial help up to \$600 per person for testing and certification costs. The program is limited to spouses of active-duty personnel, selected Reserve or National Guard members and spouses of members of the Individual Ready Reserve who have been called to active duty. For more information, visit <http://www.spousestoteachers.com>.

Microsoft tests

Computer-oriented servicemembers may



A shot of the great horned owls, ages 14 to 21 days, currently calling the top of the hospital water tower home. Courtesy photo

Addition to D-M's family

In March, it was discovered that a family of great horned owls had made a nest on the north side of the hospital water tower. A biologist from Arizona Game and Fish Department climbed the tower and discovered five eggs.

April 20, he climbed it again to check on the progress and discovered that all the eggs had hatched and all five chicks were thriving. Great horned owl eggs hatch at two- to three-day intervals. This is an insurance policy for the parents in case all the babies do not survive. According to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, great horned owls are beneficial in controlling the population of small rodents such as rabbits, ground squirrels and mice. Workers in hangars on base with great horned owl nests report they have no problem with vermin or even pigeons. Great horned owls are also protected from harm by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

qualify to take a free Microsoft Certified Professional test, under a two-year program administered by Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support. Servicemembers in information technology-related jobs who have gained IT-related experience through training or education are eligible to apply for a voucher at <https://www.dantes-microsoft-test.com/application.php>. The program is scheduled to run for two years but there are a limited number of vouchers. For more information, visit the above Web site or send an e-mail to certprog@voled.doded.mil.

Advisor from U of A

An academic advisor from the University of Arizona will be available Monday in Building 3200, Room 264 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Walk-ins and appointments are available. For more information, contact Judy Seger at 626-8201 or jseger@email.arizona.edu.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation counseling

This class is mandatory for separating Airmen and will acquaint them with services and agencies available to help with their transition to the civilian workforce. It will take place at the D-M Family Support Center Tuesday and May 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating or retiring. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time for Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held Wednesday and May 11 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Resume, Interview Workshops

These workshops cover the basic information

to help individuals prepare for their next job. They will be held May 6 at the Family Support Center. The Resume Workshop is from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Interview Workshop is from noon to 2 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is May 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Medical Right Start is scheduled from 12:40 until 4 p.m. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Reservations at Yellowstone

Those thinking of taking a trip to Yellowstone National Park this summer have the opportunity to take advantage of a number of campgrounds within the park. Those interested need to make reservations several months in advance. Yellowstone also has a Country Trailer Program. The trailers are offered by Mountain Home Air Force Base's Outdoor Recreation. They have thirteen trailers that are set up and ready for use. The trailers include utilities such as water, sewer, gas and electricity. Tuesday, individuals can make reservations for the month of July and June 1 they can start making reservations for the months of August and September. For more information or reservations, call (208)-828-6333 or DSN 728-6333.

D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

Services Activities

Parent/Teen Adventure Camp

The Parent/Teen Outdoor Adventure camp is for families of active-duty Air Force personnel, Reserves, Air National Guard, their spouses and dependents ages 12 to 14 years. Parent and teen participants should arrive at Colorado Springs, Co. June 26. During the seven-day camp, attendees will participate in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Families may be asked to help fund their airline or travel costs to Colorado Springs. However, once at the camp, all lodging, meals and activity fees will be at no cost to attendees.

Each applicant must complete an application form and write a one-page essay. Those interested need to submit their application and essay to the D-M Youth Center or Community Center no later than Monday. Priority will be given to families of deployed Air Force, Reserve and Air National Guard personnel. However, they will accept applications from all families meeting the criteria. For more information, stop by the Youth Center or call 228-8844.

May Make-over Lady's Night

The Desert Lightning Community Center will host a May Make-over Lady's Night Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Attendees can meet with various representatives in order to get a variety of tips regarding make-over techniques. Snacks and beverages will be provided. For more information, call 228-3500.

Balloon bouquets for Mother's Day

The Fifth Street Balloon Shop, located inside the Desert Lightning Community Center, has a variety of balloon bouquets for Mother's Day. Those who are interested are encouraged to place their orders soon. For more information, or to place an order, call 228-3717.

Air Force Chess Tournament

The Community Center will host the 2005 Air Force Chess Tournament from Sunday through May 7. Representatives from many different bases will compete from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Davis-Monthan community is invited to come by and watch the competition but all spectators are asked to remain quiet during the tournament. For more information, call the Community Center at 228-3500.

Preschool Summer Camp

Registration has begun for the Child Development Center's Preschool Summer Camp. The camp is scheduled from Monday to July 1 and will include two week-long sessions which have their own themes. Parents can sign up for one or all of the sessions. Children will attend sessions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fees for the summer camp are based on total family income and range from \$27 to \$57 per session. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee for each session. This fee will be credited toward the tuition for the session. To be eligible, children must have turned three years old by Dec. 31 and must be completely potty trained.

Parents need to bring shot records, a leave and earning statement form and an emergency contact person other than the parent in order to register. For more information, call 228-3336.

Disneyland, California Adventure Trip

There is a trip to Disneyland and California Adventure June 10 through 12. Guests will stay at the Castle Inn Hotel. The cost of \$200 includes transportation and hotel. Tickets are not included in the price but are available for purchase at Information, Tickets and Travel. One-day passes are \$45 for adults and \$38 for children. Two-day passes are \$90 for adults and \$74 for children. Those interested in this trip should sign up by May 6. For more information, call 228-3736.

Framing classes

Learn how to cut and join frames, size and cut a matte and glass and assemble a finished frame during the Arts and Craft Center's Framing classes Thursday and May 12 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The cost of the class is \$20 and includes all supplies. For more information, call 228-4385.

Auto Skills Overnighter

The D-M Auto Skills Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. May 20 until 9 p.m. May 21. This will provide shift personnel and personnel with large jobs that cannot be completed in a couple of hours the opportunity to work on their vehicles for an extended period of time. The Auto Skills Center will provide pizza at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. May 20. For more information, call 228-3614.

We're open!

During renovations at the Mirage, the Poly Bar will be open every Thursday and Friday!



The Mirage
DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB
Poly Bar

— Thursdays & Fridays —
Open from 4pm to close.
Enjoy Social Hour from 5 to 7pm.

— Fridays —
Social Hour food and
Karaoke with Desi! Members only.

PHONE NUMBERS - Mirage

Sherry Jones Manager / Caterer 228-3100
Robert Johnson Chef 228-3100

MAIN OFFICE: 748-0660 or 228-3301
BARBER SHOP: 748-8968



PHONE NUMBERS - Desert Oasis

Sherry Jones - Club Manager: 228-3100
Sharon Gibson - Admin. Assistant: 228-3100
Nan Wiltshire - Cabanas Manager: 747-3234

MAIN OFFICE: 228-3100
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CABANAS: 747-3234



Cabanas Special every Sunday
From 4-8pm
Two 12" one topping pizzas with two 16oz sodas for \$13.99

LUNCH SPECIAL
from 10:30am-1:30pm
Cabanas May Lunch Time Special
6" Pizza
with Fries or Tossed Salad and Soda \$5.75

APRIL 29th - May 6th
at the Desert Oasis

Apr 29 & May 6 - T.G.I.F.
Social Hour - draft beer & drink specials, free food, 5-7pm. Doors open at 3pm and DJ jams from 6-11pm!

May 1 - Champagne Brunch
10am-1pm. Enjoy your favorite breakfast and lunch dishes.

May 4 - Wild About Wed!
Everyone's welcome! Drink specials & free food, 5-7pm.

May 5 - Triple T & Mug Night
from 6-10pm. Doors open 3pm. Drink specials & music all night! Bring your mug and drafts or sodas are just \$1.75 (up to 32oz)

May 8 - Mother's Day Buffet
Two sittings: 10:30am & 1:30pm, RSVP only. Adults \$19.95, 6-12 \$8.95, 5 and under \$3.00 (all club members receive \$3.00 off)

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WILD ABOUT WEDNESDAYS

MUG NIGHT

Now through July the Desert Oasis will host the weekday lunch specials while the Officers' Club undergoes renovation

\$7.85 WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIALS!

From 1100-1300 (members receive a \$2.00 discount) From 1100-1300

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	Chef's Choice	BBQ Buffet	Ter's Fabulous Pasta Station	Catfish buffet & Meatloaf



